GLEN PARK NEWS

MARCH 1994

DPW Answers Questions About Cross-Town Tunnel

by Jeff Byers

At a Glen Park Association meeting several months ago, the Department of Public Works gave a presentation about the Bayside Discharge Alternatives Project. To protect the water quality of the bay, it is necessary to dispose of waste water that cannot be handled by one of the city's treatment plants during periods of wet weather. One alternative is a cross-town tunnel that would pass under Glen Canyon Park.

As a follow-up to the meeting, DPW has sent answers to various questions asked but not answered during that presentation.

- *Will you build the surge shaft in Glen Park ?*
  No. The department is not considering the Glen Park area as a site for the surge shaft.
- *What would be the impact of the tunnel on underground springs and creek flows in this neighborhood?*
  Springs and creek flows in your neighborhood will not be affected.
- *Will Central Valley farmers accept reclaimed water?*
  In some cases, farmers have no choice. Both suppliers and users will understand the project better when the feasibility study is completed.
- *Why was the problem of discharge of excess treated effluent into Islais Creek not addressed in the master plan?*
  The cross-town tunnel is a key element of the master plan for waste water management which was developed in the early 70s. It was proposed that the tunnel would carry all effluent flow to the ocean through a 4.5 mile outfall.

  Recently, the Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a cease-and-desist order stating that the city must select an alternative to the discharge of treated effluent into Islais Creek by 11/1/94. The discharge of treated wet weather flows to Islais Creek does not meet the requirements established by the Board for discharge to confined waters. Such discharges can result in violations of water quality objectives recently set by the Board for pH, ammonia and certain heavy metals.
- *What is the environmental benefit of building a new outfall in the bay?*
  Bay water quality will be improved because the discharge is further offshore and in deeper water. It will also promote better mixing and dispersion characteristics. The sediment quality is expected to improve both in Islais Creek and in the bay.
- *Is there any disadvantage to the bay by sending all treated effluent flows to the ocean?*
  No.

For more information, contact the San Francisco Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste Water, P.O. Box 429306, 1550 Evans Ave., San Francisco, CA 94142 (431-9430).

Traffic Facts

Part III•Needed Help, Empty Promises

by Roberta Caravelli

The traffic articles in the last two issues of the *News* have provided background information and the results of the recent traffic study. This article will summarize requests made of the city, and their responses to date.

Since the city has promised enforcement at the BART station, please let the Association know if any enforcers are *ever* seen. It would be good to document it, if it ever comes to be. The problem is that the city has not committed to any specific schedule, which, of course, means that it is unlikely to happen.

Two "No U-Turn" signs on Chenery, at Diamond and at Castro were requested. The city refused, stating that these streets are too narrow to allow for u-turns. Eyewitness accounts may help to document these turns. Keep the traffic committee chairperson advised.

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Important Notice

Due to mail theft, some of Glen Park Association's mail was lost. For those of you who either wrote the association or renewed your membership between mid-November and mid-December, your correspondence may have been lost. If your records show that your check was cashed, then you will be included on the membership list, but there is a strong possibility your membership application and associated comments have been lost.

Because we are interested in the concerns you may have about the neighborhood, please write us again. Please tell us which committees you would like to join and which things are important to you. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

New Tennis Courts by Late Spring or Summer

Artchitect Steve Kolm was hired by Rec and Park to submit plans by the end of January. In February, the plans go out for bid and by March there should be a contractor. After that, the courts will be completed.

Thanks to all who have supported this project. Any additional ideas related to the tennis courts may be directed to Miriam Moss at 585-1635, chairperson of the tennis court renovation.

We Have A New Newsletter Distributor!

Les Lewis has generously offered to handle distribution of the *News*. If you are interested in taking on a route , which requires about an hour's-worth of walking, please call him at 337-8330.



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What is shown by these financial statements (see back page) is that the association's exempt function revenues heavily subsidize the non-exempt function activities. From analyzing the records from 1986 through present this has been fairly standard, although an effort was made in 1993 to lower the costs of producing and distributing the *News* and to increase the revenues by selling more advertising space. As can be seen when reported on a cash basis, the association appears to be operating with a monetary gain, but after the adjustment to an accrual basis, it can be seen that it is actually an operating loss.

In past years, a much larger percentage of the association's revenues came from fundraising efforts and donations, and this balanced the monetary outflow. In the eight years of records analyzed, it is only in the past three that the association has operated at a loss.

Decisions made in 1993 have reduced the cost of member services by about 22%. Over the past three years the content of the *News* has included less and less association business, where the reduction between 1991 and 1992 was about 13%, and between 1992 and 1993 association business content was further reduced by about 11%.

The budget projections for 1994 estimate the actual operating loss to be approximately $800. This is anticipating an extraordinary $500 expense for filing for non-profit corporation status, and a net loss for producing and distributing the *News* of about $550. This estimated loss is based on a membership of 243 people.

Gratitude and appreciation are extended to those members who have included a bit extra in their 1994 dues checks. These generous people are: Miriam Moss, Dolores Tighe, Patricia Wiseman, Jeff and Pam Byers, and Linda Montgomery and Roy Hahn.

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Coming art exhibits at Café?, 2885 Diamond Street.

March—Art by Glen Park After School Program
April—Photographs by Ellen Rosenthal
May—Collages by Linda McGilvray
June—Pastels by Jean Conner

N.E.R.T. Update

The S.F. Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (N.E.R.T.) program will train you what to do after a disaster like an earthquake. The six evening classes will help you to protect yourself, your family and your neighbors.

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	1/1/93 Bal.	1993 Act.	Bal. as of 12/31/93
ASSETS			
CASH - CHECKING	909.88	370.66	1,280.54
CASH - SAVINGS	1,771.12	45.52	1,816.64
TOTAL CASH	2,681.00	416.18	3,097.18
** ADS RECEIVABLE	197.50	2.50	200.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,878.50	418.68	3,297.18
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
LIABILITIES			
**PREPAID DUES	0.00	295.00	295.00
**PREPAID ADS	0.00	250.00	250.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	545.00	545.00
*FUND BALANCES			
EXMPT FUNCTION	14,037.72	547.17	14,584.89
NON-EX FNCTN	(11,159.22)	(673.49)	(11,832.71)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	2,878.50	(126.32)	2,752.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	2,878.50	418.68	3,297.18

*Note: Beginning Fund Balances were estimated from ratio of average activity 1986 through 1993.
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ACCRUAL BASIS

	CASH BASIS	ADJ. TO ACCRUAL	ACCRUAL BASIS as of 12/31/93
Revenues			
Exempt Function Revenues:			
Dues	1,770.00	(295.00)	1,475.00
Donations	65.00	0.00	65.00
Total E - F Revenues	1,835.00	(295.00)	1,540.00
Non-Exmpt Fnctn Revenues			
Advertising	2,500.00	(50.00)	2,450.00
Interest	45.52	0.00	45.52
Total Non-E - F Revenues	2,545.52	(50.00)	2,495.52
Total Revenues	4,380.52	(345.00)	4,035.52
Expenses			
Exempt Function Expenses:			
Administration	138.45	0.00	138.45
Gifts	25.00	0.00	25.00
Meeting Notices	579.38	0.00	579.38
Other:			
Projects	250.00	0.00	250.00
Total E - F Expenses	992.83	0.00	992.83
Non-E - F Expenses			
News	2,971.51	0.00	2,971.51
Total Non-E - F Expenses	2,971.51	0.00	2,971.51
Total Expenses	3,964.34	0.00	3,964.34
Exempt Function Reserve	842.17	(295.00)	547.17
Non-E - Function Reserve	(425.99)	(247.50)	(673.49)
Total Reserve [Gain/(Loss)]	416.18	(542.50)	(126.32)

Energy Facts

- A new, energy efficient refrigerator uses 50% less energy than one manufactured in 1973.
- Gas dryers cost 78% less to operate than electric dryers.
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Merchants' Association Update

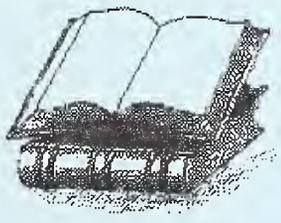
By Dan Gustavson DDS, President

Communication and security were the main focus of our recent meeting. In order to facilitate dissemination of information between merchants, we have established a telephone tree to pass vital news along to other merchants quickly. We have also started a file in the Glen Park library to allow written information pertaining to small business and local issues to be more accessible.

Recently, the San Francisco Police Department has assigned officer Tom Feledy to patrol and walk through our neighborhood four days a week. Officer Feledy spoke to merchants about security and local police issues. The Merchants' Association is still addressing several issues on a continuous basis: litter, construction (proposed) in the merchant village, attracting new businesses and improving the service and appearance of existing businesses.

Library News

- The Children's Council Childcare Switchboard and the American Red Cross wil be presenting a **Babysitters' Workshop for Teens** at the Glen Park Library on Wednesday, May 25, 1994, at 3:30 p.m. Space is limited, so please pre-register.
- Films and Storytime for preschoolers take place every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.
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For 17 years we have had the pleasure of a two block walk to work. We've made a lot of friends and met a lot of ourneighbors. We live on Sussex Street.

Since we have no commute, and our daughter Jennifer is grown (she works in the business full time), Tiffany has time to be active in the California Retail Wine & Spirits Association and received the "Retailers of the Year" award for 1990.

Tiffany has also served as president of the Glen Park Merchants' Association for seven years. Concurrently, she served a s vice president of the Glen Park Neighborhood Association as well as vice president of the San Francisco Council of District Merchants.

Our Glen Park business has been a fascinating learning experience. We hope to continue for many years to come.

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Traffic Facts

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When stop signs were requested on Elk at Chenery, the city said that fully controlled intersections were only necessary when the streets are equal, and that since Elk is a secondary thoroughfare, carrying significantly more traffic than Chenery, stop signs were not justified.

This is in stark contrast with the realities in other areas of the city. For instance, Market Street has a stop *light* for an apartment house driveway, and another for a turnaround and four buildings.

Another example is the stop signs through St. Francis Woods where the side-streets are in no way equal to Monterey and St. Francis Boulevards. These stop signs were put in when most of the supervisors lived in that area. They were also part of the *successful attempt* to redirect traffic through Glen Park and up O'Shaughnessy, coupled with the green "To the Sunset" signs. These signs were recently removed from Monterey and Bosworth near the I-280 southbound exit, and the BART station, respectively.

Only after a resident thoroughly documented accidents on Elk (going back to1989), thereby proving the necessity for traffic control, did the city finally agree with the need for these signs. It is an outrage that this was necessary, but it gives us a clue as to what tactics will work. If we do the jobs of the "experts" for them, we will get results (see page 2 in the 12/93 *News).*

Glen Park's rush hour congestion is not going to go away, but there may be methods to reduce it. The "experts," though, haven't made any suggestions.

One possibility would be to eliminate all neighborhood areas currently used by commuters to park. We have quite a bit of public land, and all adjacent curbs do not require "D-area" parking permits. In Pacific Heights, all of the street parking, whether fronting public or private land, requires a residence permit. When this was suggested the "experts" responded that signed petitions would initiate this action.

Since the "experts" and the government set the stage for the extraordinary congestion suffered by this neighborhood, it should be automatic that they would try to solve the problems. As long as non-neighborhood residents can freely park in the area all day, their comings and goings exacerbate the rush-hour congestion.

In both the recent traffic study and the one conducted in 1974, the "experts" have reported the raw data. They have made no suggestions for solutions or offered any explanations of the major number of extra cars driving through that shows up in both of their data collection exercises. Specific suggestions and requests from residents, have in the main, been refused. What, if anything, can this neighborhood do now?

Ideas and comments are welcome, write to P.O. Box 31292, San Francisco, 94131. Should Glen Park's public land street frontages require "D-area" parking stickers? Are there any observations on the frequency of U-turns on Chenery at either Diamond or Castro? Has anyone ever seen a traffic enforcer, or two, at the corner of Diamond and Bosworth at rush hour?

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NEXT GPA MEETINGS
March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th